

RE: Cell Phone Use On Commercial Aircraft.

I am a Flight Attendant with 27 years of experience with a major carrier.

Allowing cell phone use in flight is a bad idea. There is no question that cell phone use would annoy passengers sitting near those on the phone. One thing we don't need in our industry is another avenue to fomment arguments between passengers and or crew.

Imagine that you are on a 5 hour flight seated shoulder to shoulder with a fellow passenger on his cell phone. You're trying to sleep while he is talking endlessly to his wife, business associates, etc.

Today, one can make a call before they board a flight, upon landing, or upon arrival in the terminal. That suffices.

People are asked to turn their cell phones off in theatres and other places where their use can be an annoyance to others. Aircraft should be aded to that list of places.